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Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the *Board of Trade Journal* can be purchased through any booksellers, agents or direct from H.M. Stationery Office. New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

The Services Clothing Rationing

The following notes on the supply of rationed goods to individual units and members of the Forces consolidate the information which has already been given in previous announcements.

Part I shows the articles which may be sold to the various categories of Service personnel against Service Coupons, Special Service Coupons, signed bills and Commanding Officers' chits. For convenience, only British personnel are described, but, with the exception of personnel of the U.S. Army, exactly the same regulations are in force for the corresponding Dominion and Allied services.

Part II describes the arrangement for U.S. Army Officers.

Part III describes the conditions under which rationed goods may be supplied without coupons to units of H.M. Forces.

(*a*) Sportswear for communal use of Units.

(*b*) Other goods.

Notes 1. Traders are reminded that only the articles specified may be supplied against Service coupons or Special Service Coupons.

2. Admiralty Form S. 110 is normally the authority for purchases by Royal Naval and W.R.N.S. Ratings, but until further notice traders may continue to accept Commanding Officers authorisations on forms other than S. 110.

3. The arrangements cover only forces in this country. Arrangements for orders at sea or abroad are dealt with in separate press notices.

PART I

Officers	Ration Document	Articles which may be bought
Naval Officers	Signed bill	*Blue* uniform greatcoat, British warm, jacket, waistcoat, trousers, cloth actually used by the trader for repairs. R.N. Officers' working dress blouse and trousers.
Royal Marine Officers and R.N. Cadets of Eaton Hall and Keyham.	Signed bill	*Blue* uniform greatcoat, British warm, jacket, waistcoat, trousers, cloth actually used by the trader for repairs.
Naval and Royal Marine Officers.	Service coupons	1. Khaki and white uniform. 2. Breeches, waistcoat of wool, leather, sheepskin or woollen fleece, ¾-length leather or reversible sheepskin coat, raincoat, fleece lining for raincoat, oilskins, shirt, collar, tie, cardigan, pullover, scarf, socks, stockings, gaiters, gloves, shoes, boots, handkerchief, clerical collars and cassocks (Service Chaplains only). *All of a type worn with uniform.* 3. Knitting yarn in Service shades, underwear, pyjamas, slippers, dressing gown, cloth actually used by the trader for repairs.
	Special Service Coupons.	Articles in 1, 2 and 3 above *and* civilian jacket, flannel trousers, shirt, collar, tie, boots, shoes, slippers, sandals and plimsolls.
Army and R.A.F. Officers	Service coupons	1. Uniform greatcoat, British warm, tunic, waistcoat, trousers, shorts. 2. Breeches, waistcoat of wool, leather, sheepskin or woollen fleece, ¾-length leather or reversible sheepskin coat, raincoat, fleece linings for raincoats, shirt, collar, tie, cardigan, pullover, scarf, socks, stockings, gaiters, gloves, shoes, boots, handkerchief, clerical collar and cassocks (Service Chaplains only). *All of a type worn with uniform.* 3. Knitting yarn in Service shades, underwear, pyjamas, slippers, dressing gown, cloth actually used by the trader for repairs.
	Special Service coupons.	Articles in 1, 2 and 3 above *and* civilian jacket, flannel trousers, shirt, collar, tie, boots, shoes, slippers, sandals and plimsolls.
Officers W.R.N.S., A.T.S., W.A.A.F.	Service coupons.	1. Uniform greatcoat, British warm, jacket, tunic, waistcoat, skirt, trousers and shorts. 2. Breeches, waistcoat of wool, leather, sheepskin or woollen fleece, ¾-length leather or reversible sheepskin coat, raincoat, fleece linings for raincoat, shirt, collar, tie, cardigan, pullover, scarf, socks, stockings, gaiters, gloves, shoes, boots, handkerchief. *All of a type worn with uniform.* 3. Knitting yarn in Service shades, underwear, pyjamas, nightgowns, slippers, dressing gown, cloth actually used by the trader for repairs.
	Special Service coupons.	Articles in 1, 2 and 3 above *and* civilian jacket, skirt, slacks, shorts, blouse, shirt, stockings, socks, boots, shoes, slippers, sandals and plimsolls.
Nursing Sisters Q.A.R.N.N.S. Q.A.I.M.N.S. P.M.R.A.F.N.S. Mobilised V.A.D.	Service coupons.	1. Articles of nursing uniform. 2. Raincoat, shirt, collar, tie, cardigan, pullover, scarf, socks, stockings, gaiters, gloves, shoes, boots, handkerchief. *All of a type worn with uniform.* 3. Knitting yarn in Service shades, underwear, pyjamas, nightgown, slippers, dressing gown, cloth actually used by the trader for repairs.
	Special Service coupons.	Articles in 1, 2 and 3 above *and* civilian jacket, skirt, slacks, shorts, blouse, shirt, stockings, socks, boots, shoes, slippers, sandals and plimsolls.

Other Ranks and Ratings	Ration Document	Articles which may be bought
Ratings, R.N.	S.110 or C.O.'s chits	Articles of naval ratings' uniform (including outerwear). 2. Raincoat, oilskins, shirt, collar, tie, cardigan, pullover, scarf, socks, stockings, gaiters, shoes, boots, gloves, handkerchief. *All of a type worn with uniform.* 3. Underwear.
	Signed bill	Cloth actually used by the trader for repairs.
Other ranks, R.M., Army and R.A.F.	S.110 or C.O.'s chits.	Handkerchiefs.
Ratings, W.R.N.S.	S.110 or C.O.'s chits.	1. Articles of W.R.N.S. ratings' uniform (including outerwear). 2. Raincoat, oilskins, shirt, collar, tie, cardigan, pullover, scarf, socks, stockings, gaiters, gloves, shoes, boots, handkerchief. *All of a type worn with uniform.* 3. Underwear, pyjamas, nightgown, dressing gown and slippers.
	Signed bill.	Cloth actually used by the trader for repairs.
Other ranks, A.T.S. and W.A.A.F.	Coupons are issued to other ranks of the A.T.S. and W.A.A.F. for the purchase of dressing gowns, handkerchiefs and slippers.	

PART II

Supply of Rationed Goods to Officers of the Armed Forces of the U.S.A.

Under General Licence S. R. & O. 1943 No. 1511 traders may supply rationed goods to U.S. Army Officers against the surrender of a certificate signed by or on behalf of a Quartermaster. The form of certificate is set out in the above Licence and may be identified by the heading TYPE E and the serial number in the top right-hand corner.

PART III

((*a*) *Supply of Sportswear for Communal use of Units of H.M. Forces*

Certain articles of sportswear may be supplied coupon-free to units of H.M. The Allied or Associated Forces against a declaration signed by a Commanding, Regional or County Welfare Officer in the form set out in the General Licence of 25th August 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1744 as amended by S. R. & O. 1942 No. 2243, and S. R. & O. 1943 No. 1272).

(*b*) *Supply of other Rationed Goods to Units of H.M. Forces*

Rationed goods may not be supplied without coupons unless an official Local Purchase Order from the Service Department is produced. These Orders should not be paid into the bank as coupon equivalents, but should be forwarded together with evidence of supply, direct to the Board of Trade, North Gate, Prince Albert Road, London, N.W.8 for an issue of coupons.

Local Purchase Orders may be identified as follows :—

Admiralty. Local Purchase Orders issued by Admiralty establishments are on Form D. 258.

Army. Local Purchase Orders issued by the Army always quote an official order number and should normally be signed by an Assistant Director of Ordnance Services.

Canadian Army. Local Purchase Orders issued by the Canadian Army bear the following heading :—

"Canadian Army Overseas Royal Canadian Ordnance)—Purchase Order."

R.A.F. Local Purchase Orders issued by the R.A.F. are on Forms 528c or 531.

Royal Canadian Air Force. Local Purchase Orders issued by the R.C.A.F. are on R.C.A.F. Form E. 139. Department of National Defence for Air—Local Purchase Order.

Royal Australian Air Forces. Local Purchase Orders issued by the R.A.A.F. will be made out on forms headed "Commonwealth of Australia" and will bear an official order number and date.

Board of Trade,
Millbank, S.W.1. 18*th April* 1944.

Safety Boots

To meet the increased demand for safety boots, a new type is being introduced for use in factories—Utility Specification HMM.55, the details of which were published as Supplement No. 1 (price 1d.) to List A (Utility Footwear Specifications) with the Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (No. 2) Directions, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 410, price 1d.). This boot should be available by the end of May and will be obtainable from certain manufacturers only.

The boots will be suitable for most factory requirements, but they are not being made to the specification for miners' boots *and they will not be suitable for wear by miners.* Arrangements are being made with manufacturers to allow traders in industrial areas to obtain initial stocks of the new type without the surrender of permits. A list of manufacturers can be obtained from the Civilian Footwear Controller, East Court, West Walk, Leicester.

For the convenience of traders and the public, the Board have decided that in future all protective safety boots will bear the distinguishing mark S/B, followed by a number indicating the type of boot. If the toe-cap is of steel the number will be followed by the letter S. The new type of industrial safety boot will be distinguished by the symbol S/B.4 or S/B.4S. Present types will be marked as follows :—

Industrial Safety Boots S/B.3 or S/B.3S.
Moulders' Boots ... S/B.5 or S/B.5S.
Miners' Safety Boots... S/B.1, S/B.2, S/B.1S, or S/B.2S.

Permits of the usual type will continue to be issued but those stamped "VALID ONLY FOR BOOTS WITHOUT HOBS AND MOULDERS' BOOTS" (which will in general be issued only to factory workers) will only enable traders to secure replacements of these types, and are to be used for boots of the new type mentioned above. Unstamped permits remain valid for any type of safety boot, but the new type of boots (S/B.4 or S/B.4S) should not be supplied to mineworkers.

Raw Cotton Prices Raised

The Ministry of Supply announces that as from 17th April 1944 the Cotton Control selling prices of raw cotton have been raised by 4½d. per lb.

At the beginning of April 1941 the purchase and sale of raw cotton were taken over by the Ministry of Supply. Selling prices were fixed on the basis of the closing prices on the Liverpool market at the end of March, but subsequently the selling prices to spinners were reduced by 1½d. per lb. In view of the increases in the general purchase cost of cotton it has become necessary to raise the Control's selling prices. The selling prices of utility cotton cloths will, however, be maintained unchanged by means of a system of rebates to merchant converters on their utility cloths. The Board of Trade are instituting discussions forthwith with the Cotton Board and representatives of the converters on the detailed arrangements for the operation of this rebate system.

The increase in cotton selling prices necessitates certain changes in the regulations controlling prices of cotton yarn and grey cloth.

Under the Control of the Cotton Industry Adjustment of Single Yarn Prices) Direction (No. 2), 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 420, price 1d.) made under the No. 40 Order (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 6th February 1943, p. 51) the prices of controlled American-type yarn will be arrived at by adding the prescribed margins to 12·75d. per lb. instead of 7·80d. per lb. as at present. The increase of 4·95d. covers the increase in the selling prices of raw cotton plus allowance for additional waste loss. For controlled Egyptian-type yarn the Direction provides for adjusting the prices of cotton purchased before 17th April 1944.

Two new Orders have also been made by the Minister of Supply and came into force on 17th April. The Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 50) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 418, price 1d.) further amends the No. 32 Order (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 18th April 1942, page 213). It changes the method of allowing for profit; the allowance for profit in future being combined with the allowance for weaving expenses and the former provisions for a separate allowance accordingly being revoked. At the same time adjustments are made in the allowances for profit in the light of recent investigations into the trading outcome.

The Control of Industry (No. 51) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 419, price 1d.) amends the No. 49 Order (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 8th January 1944, page 12) under which prices for sheetings are controlled. The prescribed prices include a profit allowance varying in accordance with costs. Costs will be increased as a result of the increase in the prices of raw cotton. The Order, therefore, adjusts the table of profit allowances so that the increases in cost will not entail increases in profit.

Contracts made before 17th April 1944 are not affected by the changes made under the new Direction and Orders.

Copies of the list of new raw cotton prices may be obtained from the offices of the Cotton Control in Manchester and Liverpool.

Control of Containers and Packaging

The Minister of Supply has made the Control of Containers and Packaging (No. 1) (General) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 404, price 2d.) which revokes and remakes in consolidated and re

arranged form with amendments the Control of Tins, Cans, Kegs, Drums and Packaging Pails (Nos. 5–10) Orders, 1940–43; the Control of Packaging (Nos. 1 and 3) Orders, 1942; and the Control of Metal Collapsible Tubes (No. 1) Order, 1942.

The Order regulates the manufacture of certain types of containers and the marking of all types of containers. It also regulates the packaging for distribution or disposal on the Home trade of all articles and commodities listed in the Packaging Index Schedule issued by the British Standards Institution.

The Packaging Index Schedule is a guide to the other British Standard Schedules listed in the Third Appendix to the Order. It contains an alphabetical list and also a classified list of articles and commodities dealt with in the other Schedules.

The principal changes in the new Order and Schedules as compared with the former Orders and Schedules, are that:—

(*a*) the range of commodities, the packaging of which is regulated, has been extended;

(*b*) the use of used containers and holders is now more strictly regulated;

(*c*) the use of certain container-sealers, such as rubber packaging rings, stoppers and bungs; foil-faced wads, etc., is now controlled.

(*d*) detailed modifications have been made to certain Sections in the revised British Standards Schedules.

One of the revoked Orders contained a provision prohibiting the use of black plate, tinplate, etc., in the manufacture of certain non-essential articles, e.g. advertising ashtrays and novelties. The provision being outside the convenient scope of the above Order has been made the subject of a separate Order—the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 33) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 405, price 1d.).

Purchase Tax

WOODEN-SOLED FOOTWEAR

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 250, price 1d.), under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, directing that, as from the 17th April 1944, purchase tax shall cease to be chargeable in respect of wooden-soled footwear at present chargeable with tax at the reduced rate.

Approval of Permitted Prices

INGERSOLL LIMITED 35 AMERSHAM ROAD, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS; WATCHES

The Central Price Regulation Committee has approved the following prices:—

Particulars	Retail Buying Price Excluding Purchase Tax	Retail Selling Price Including Purchase Tax
Victory Wrist Radiolite Dial ...	20s.	40s.
Chelsea Wrist Plain Dial—Moire Band	25s.	50s.
Chelsea Wrist Plain Dial—with Ingercord	25s.	50s.

MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ELECTRICAL AND ALLIED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AND THE HEATING COOKING AND DOMESTIC APPLIANCES CONFERENCE

The Central Price Regulation Committee has approved an increase of 50 per cent. above the pre-war list price for new domestic electrical appliances within the following list, manufactured by members of the Association and the Conference: Boiling plates and rings (domestic only); chafing dishes; cookers, breakfast; and cookers, domestic sizes; curling tong heaters; curling and waving irons; egg boilers; fires, radiators and convectors; floor polishers; grill boilers; grillers (domestic); hair dryers; hot plates (portable); immersion heaters (up to 500 watts); irons; kettles; milk heaters, sterilisers or porringers; mixers, drink; mixers, domestic; percolators (coffee); saucepans; shaving pots; steamers (domestic types); sterilisers; tea pots; toasters (domestic); vacuum cleaners (domestic); waffle plates; warming plates. The new prices supersede those approved in October 1941, when an advance of 33⅓ per cent. on pre-war list prices was permitted, and take effect from 1st April.

Chromium Plating

In the process of Chromium plating small nodules of almost pure chromium are deposited in the vats and on the "suspenders" and "robbers" of the bath. At least one producer of chromium metal is interested in the commercial recovery of these nodules and chromium platers having an accumulation of nodules, or able to offer them in regular parcels, should communicate with the salvaging company whose address can be obtained from the Ministry of Supply, Chrome Ore, Magnesite and Wolfram Control, Broadway Court, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1. Although individual contributions may be small this recovery scheme should, in the aggregate, provide a welcome addition to the chromium metal availability.

Argentina

MARKING OF BOTTLES OR SIMILAR CONTAINERS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 5th February 1944 (page 46), the Commercial Counsellor to H.M. Embassy at Buenos Aires now reports that the provisions of Decree No. 17358 do not apply to bottles or similar containers the contents of which are one litre, three-quarters, half a litre or one-quarter litre nett. If, however, the contents only approximate the above quantities, the provisions of the Decree regarding the marking of the containers must be complied with.

Directorate of Prices and Statistics, Iron and Steel Control

APPOINTMENTS

Due to expansion, the Directorate of Prices and Statistics, Iron and Steel Control, will in future be comprised of three separate Departments under the direction of Mr. R. M. Shone, former Director of Prices and Statistics, who will now occupy the post of General Director in charge of Prices, Costs and Statistics, with responsibility for co-ordination. The new Departments will be headed by: Mr. C. F. Pagnamenta, who will be Director of Prices; Mr. J. W. Erskine, Director of Costs; and Mr. S. T. Clark, Director of Statistics.

Ministry of Food Orders

In continuation of the list given in *Board of Trade Journal*, 8th April 1944 (page 138), the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1944:—

No. 362. Order, dated 28th March 1944, amending the Food (Points Rationing) (No. 3) Order, 1943 (price 1d.).

No. 363. The Sugar and Preserves (Rationing) Order, 1944, dated 29th March 1944 (price 2d.).

No. 397. General Licence, dated 4th April 1944, under the Fish (Supplies to Catering Establishments) Order, 1943 (price 1d.).

No. 398. Order, dated 4th April 1944, amending the Nuts (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1942 (price 1d.).

No. 412. General Licence, dated 6th April 1944, under the Food Rationing Orders, 1943 (price 1d.).

No. 417. Directions, dated 7th April 1944, supplementary to the Milk (Control of Supplies) Order, 1942, and the Milk (Control of Supplies) (Scotland) Order, 1942 (price 1d.).

Trading with the Enemy

CONSOLIDATED LIST

The Board of Trade announce that, for the convenience of traders and others, the list of specified persons, which is at present embodied in five Orders, has been published in a new consolidating Order, the Trading with the Enemy (Specified Persons) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 399, price 4s.). Persons owing moneys to, or holding or managing the Property of, specified persons are reminded that they are under statutory obligation to report particulars to the Custodians of Enemy Property.

ADDITIONS TO "BLACK LIST"

The Board of Trade announce that they have made the Trading with the Enemy (Specified Persons) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 429, price 2d.) which came into force on 19th April, containing changes in the "Black List" of traders abroad with whom it is unlawful to have dealings of any kind. Persons owing moneys to, or holding or managing the property of specified persons are reminded that they are under statutory obligation to report particulars to the Custodians of Enemy Property.

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

With reference to the notice in *Board of Trade Journal*, 25th March 1944, page 114, the following vessels have been added, to the Statutory List "A"—"Chiqui," Spanish flag, 398 tons Angel Rivas Suardiaz and "Antonio Diaz," Spanish flag, 36 tons, Jose Maria Delgado.

VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(a) Shipowners on the Statutory List

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution :—

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Crespi (ex Jose Trujillo)	Spain	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adeje (may also be found bearing the name Nicolieff flying the German flag	Ditto	253	Ditto
Isora	Ditto	316	Ditto
Rizel (ex Tercio Montejurra) ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Maribel	Ditto	398	Ditto
Salvador	Ditto	130	Ditto
Alcora	Ditto	216	Ditto
Linette	Ditto	398	Ditto
Bachi...	Ditto	3,077	Cia Naviera Bacni (Hijos de Astigarraga) (Controlled by Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.)
Kauldi	Ditto	3,157	Ditto
Manuchu	Ditto	3,119	Ditto
Tom	Ditto	3,056	Ditto
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M. Deifino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Nauva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	172	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
Industrial	Spain	313	Soc Aron Cristobal Colon of Madrid
Marina	Ditto	172	Ditto
Snevia	Ditto	353	Ditto
San Rafae Archangel	Ditto	98	Julio Gonsales Martin, Las Palmas
Maria del Pilar G. ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercial e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Carvalho	Portugal	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Herlinda	Panama	452	Gulf Shipping Co
Maria 3°	Portugal	56	Pedro Araso de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Guadiana 4° ...	Ditto	13	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Blanca de C	Spain	285	Ramon Carranza
Ramon de Carranza	Ditto	224	Ditto
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Paco Nino ...	Ditto	30	Ditto
San Vicente ...	Ditto	40	Ditto
Paco	Ditto	300	Almadabra Marroqui
Negro (trawler) (ex Purification Costas Maravilla) ...	Ditto	109	Viuda de Botello (Senora Gally)
Blanco (trawler) (ex Manuel Gestoso Chicha)	Ditto	109	Ditto
Antonio Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	112	Manuel Gestoso Costas
Jose Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	?	Ditto
Sevim	Turkey	1,164	Abdi Vehbi Dural
Atlantides	Sweden	9,050	Rederi A/B Atlantides
Solvik	Ditto	649	Ditto
Miguel Caldenty ...	Spain	74	Juan Mora A. Bou
Nuevo Corazon ...	Ditto	132	Ditto
San Cayetano ...	Argentina	400	"Cardimex" Comp. Argentin de Importacion y Exportacion S.A.
Nuestra Senora de la Almudena ...	Spain	41	Otto Gerdtzen
Manen	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Skansen	Sweden	744	Enhorning Kemiskt-Tekniskt A/B
Solbris	Ditto	466	Rederi A/B Bellatrix
Nordanbris (ex Pollux)	Ditto	8,971	Ditto
Ostbris	Ditto	978	Ditto
Sunnanbris	Ditto	8,721	Rederi A/B Erious
Westbris	Ditto	972	Ditto
His Africa	Spain	85	Salah Ben Hamza
Antares	Ditto	—	Cia Comercia Maritimal de Transportes S.A.
Polar	Ditto	—	Ditto
Chiqui	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Antonio Diaz ...	Ditto	36	Jose Maria Delgado

United Kingdom Corn Prices

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries states that the average prices of British corn per hundredweight in the week ended 15th April 1944 were wheat, 16s. 0d.; barley, 27s. 7d.; and oats, 16s. 6d.

Institute of Physics

INAUGURATION OF SCOTTISH BRANCH

Physicists employed in industry in Scotland have for some time felt the need for local opportunities for the interchange of knowledge and experience of Applied Physics. At their request the Board of the Institute of Physics has therefore authorised the formation of a Scottish Branch of the Institute, which is to be centred in Glasgow.

The inaugural meeting of the branch was held to-day in the Chemistry Buildings of the University of Glasgow. Mr. E. R. Davies, F.Inst.P., a Vice-President of the Institute and Director of Research, Kodak Ltd., delivered an illustrated lecture on "High Speed Photography, and its Applications in Science and Industry." Further particulars of the Branch may be obtained from the Acting Honorary Secretary, Dr. R. S. Silver, F.Inst.P., c/o Messrs. G. and J. Weir Ltd., Cathcart, Glasgow, S.4.

British Standard Specifications

COPPER ALLOY INGOTS AND CASTINGS

A revision of the series of specifications for cast copper alloys has just been issued by the British Standards Institution. A particular feature of the revision is the inclusion in the series of a further quality of cast alloy which is a 83/3/9/5 leaded gun-metal.

The foreword indicates that this new alloy is intended for use as a substitute for the normal 85/5/5/5 alloy and is suitable for purposes where cast brass Type A and Type B in the series are not appropriate.

The opportunity has also been taken to incorporate some necessary modifications to the other specifications.

In view of this amplification of the series of specifications for castings a new memorandum dealing with the conservation of tin in alloys has been prepared and is now issued with the revised specification.

Copies of this new standard are available from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. net.

ALUMINIUM ALLOY SECTIONS

The British Standards Institution has just issued a new standard (1161–1944) which covers Aluminium Alloy Structural Sections B.S. 1161. This publication is intended as the first of a series to cover light alloy sections for use in various branches of engineering. The first series covers sections for general engineering purposes and it is hoped at a later date to provide further series for more specialised applications, e.g. transport vehicles, marine purposes, aircraft, etc. The sections covered in B.S. 1161 are as follows :—

Equal angles from $\frac{3}{4}''$ by $\frac{3}{4}''$ up to $7 \times 7''$.
Unequal angles from $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1''$ up to $8'' \times 4''$.
Channels from $3'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ up to $8'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$.
Beams from $3'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ up to $8'' \times 5''$.
T bars from $1'' \times 1''$ up to $6'' \times 6''$.

The properties for these sections are given corresponding to those specified for standard steel sections, namely moments of inertia, radius of gyration, moduli of section, centres of gravity, etc.

For general information an Appendix is included which describes the general mechanical properties of aluminium alloys in which these sections will be produced.

Copies of the specification can be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s.

WAR EMERGENCY STANDARDS FOR RADIO COMPONENTS

As is well known in the radio industry, the Inter-Service (Communications) Components Technical Committee is preparing a range of specifications, codes and preferred lists covering all radio components required by the Services. These documents, generally known as the I.S.C. Technical Committee Specifications, are being published by the British Standards Institution as War Emergency British Standards (BS/RC Series). They are issued in loose-leaf form and a special binder has been produced to accommodate the specifications.

The specifications are intended primarily to be used for contracts placed by the I.S.C.C., the Admiralty, the Ministry of Supply and the Ministry of Aircraft Production. They may, however, also be used for other purposes where appropriate.

We understand that the following documents in the BS/RC Series have now been published :—

Index and General Notes.
BS/RCS/1. General Specification for all Components.
BS/RCS/110. Group-Test Specification for Fixed Resistors.
BS/RCS/110.1. Test Schedule for Fixed Resistors.
BS/RCS/130. Group Test Specification for Fixed Capacitors.
BS/RCS/130.1. Test Schedule for Paper-dielectric Fixed Capacitors.

BS/RCS/130.2. Test Schedule for Mica-dielectric Fixed Capacitors.

BS/RCS/130.3. Test Schedule for Ceramic-dielectric Fixed Capacitors.

BS/RCS/130.4. Test Schedule for Electrolytic Capacitors.

The above-mentioned nine documents are published at 6d. each in order that those interested in all the I.S.C. Technical Committee Specifications may automatically receive them as soon as they are published by the B.S.I., a subscription scheme is available, particulars of which may be obtained from the Publications Department of the B.S.I.

The special binders are available from the B.S.I. price 4s. each. The complete range of specifications will, it is anticipated, eventually fill two or three of these binders. For those who desire a larger and stronger binder capable of holding the complete series, the production of a limited number of such a binder is in hand and will shortly be available at the price of 15s. each. These are of a different form of construction, and are particularly recommended for drawing office use and in cases where the specifications will be constantly referred to.

Orders or subscriptions for the specifications in the BS/RC Series, and orders for either type of binder should be sent to the Publications Department of the B.S.I., 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

WAR EMERGENCY SPECIFICATIONS FOR VULCANISED RUBBER AND PLAIN RUBBER TUBING

The British Standards Institution has recently, at the request of the Federation of British Rubber and Allied Manufacturers' Associations, and with the concurrence and co-operation of the Government Departments concerned, issued war emergency revisions of the Government Department Specifications for General Stores, T.G. 25A and T.G. 49, published under the above numbers respectively.

These two specifications were originally prepared by a Government Technical Co-ordinating Committee in conjunction with the Technical Sub-Committee of the F.B.R.A.M.A., but, owing to wartime dispersal of personnel the Government Co-ordinating Committee is not now functioning.

The revisions have become necessary on account of the rubber situation, and the preliminary drafts were prepared by the Technical Committee of the F.B.R.A.M.A. and passed to the B.S.I. as the National Standardising body. The B.S.I. Committee consisted of representatives of the following Government Departments in addition to the rubber interests: Admiralty Contracts Department; Chief Inspector of Naval Ordnance; Superintendent of Mines Dept., Admiralty; Ministry of Aircraft Production; Ministry of Supply; Post Office Engineering Department.

The specifications are designed to cover the purchase of materials by Service Departments for conditions where the normal commercial equivalents are not suitable.

It is understood that the rubber manufacturers will shortly suggest that the specifications be converted to the basis of general purpose synthetic rubber (GR–S), and the specifications have been so drafted as to provide that the change-over can be readily incorporated, a minimum amount of alteration being necessary. This will be dealt with by an addendum slip. In this way the two specifications, which will probably continue after the war, will again be readily convertible to natural rubber.

Copies of these standards may be obtained from the Publications Department, British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. each.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

British India

REPLACEMENT OF GOODS LOST EN ROUTE

The Board of Trade have received the following information superseding that reported in *Board of Trade Journal* of 26th February 1944 (page 72).

Holders of Indian import licences for goods falling under all Parts of the Import Trade Control Schedule are informed that in cases where the goods covered by such licences have been shipped but lost en route to India, replacement consignments can be imported against the original licence, provided shipment is made within the period of validity of the licence as extended from time to time.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 25th March (page 115) and previous notices, H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Calcutta has forwarded copies of Notifications Nos. 1 and 2–I.T.C./44 dated 8th and 15th January respectively, and Notification No. 3–I.T.C./44 dated 12th February which provide for the following further amendments to the Schedule annexed to Notification No. 23–I.T.C./43* :—

In Part II of Schedule:

The words "also accumulators and batteries" against Serial No. 46 should be deleted.

After Serial No. 46 the following should be inserted :—

46A. Accumulators and batteries, including batteries for motor vehicles, wireless apparatus and train lighting and traction ... ... 72, 73(2), 73(4), 75(1) and 75(3)

After Serial No. 37 insert the following :—

37A. The following component parts of machinery *when required for the Railways:* ... ... 72(3)

Component parts not otherwise specified in this Schedule, of machinery, as defined in item 72(*a*) of the First Schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1934, namely, such parts only as are essential for the working of the machine or apparatus and have been given for that purpose some special shape or quality which would not be essential for their use for any other purpose; and excluding articles covered by the Machine Tool Control Order, 1941:

Provided that the articles which do not satisfy this condition shall also be deemed to be component parts of the machine to which they belong if they are essential to its operation and are imported with it in such quantities as may appear to the Collector of Customs to be reasonable.

After Serial No. 48 insert the following :—

Transport Material

49. Coal tubs, tipping wagons and the like conveyances designed for use on light rail track, if adapted to be worked by manual or animal labour and if made mainly of iron and steel: and component parts thereof made of iron or steel excluding articles specified in Part I of the Schedule.

50. Railway material for permanent-way and rolling-stock, namely, sleepers, other than iron and steel and fastenings thereof; bearing plates, chairs, interlocking apparatus, brake-gear, shunting skids, couplings and springs, signals, turn-tables, weigh-bridges, carriages, wagons, transversers, rail removers, scooters, trollies; trucks; also cranes, water-cranes and water tanks when imported by or under the orders of a railway administration ... ... 74(2)

Provided that for the purpose of this entry "railway" means a line of railway subject to the provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, and includes a railway constructed in a State in India and also such tramways as the General Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specially include therein:

Provided also that articles of machinery as defined in item No. 72 or 72(3) of the First Schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1934, shall not be deemed to be included hereunder.

51. Rubber fittings being component parts of railway carriages ... ... 74(3)

52. Component parts (other than rubber fittings being component parts of railway carriages and articles specified in Part I of this Schedule) of Railway Materials; as defined in item No. 74(2) of the First Schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1934, namely, such parts only as are essential for the working of the railways and have been given for that purpose some special shape or quality which would not be essential for their use for any other purpose:

Provided that articles which do not satisfy this condition shall also be deemed to be component parts of the railway material to which they belong, if they are essential to its operation and are imported with it in such quantities as may appear to the Collector of Customs to be reasonable.

After Serial No. 36B insert the following :—

36C. The following Dairy and Poultry Farming Appliances, namely, cream separators, milking machines, milk sterilising or pasteurising plant, milk aerating and cooling apparatus, churns, butter dryers, butter workers, milk-bottle fillers and cappers, apparatus specially designed for testing milk and other dairy produce, and incubators; also component parts of those appliances provided that they can be readily fitted into their proper places in the appliances for which they are imported, and that they cannot ordinarily be used for other than dairy and poultry farming purposes ... ... 72(9)

In Part IV :—

Against Serial Nos. 290 and 293 the following words should be added: "but excluding those mentioned in Part II of the Schedule."

In Part V :—

The Serial Nos. 75, 81, 83, 84 and 85 should be deleted.

* See *Board of Trade Journal*, 25th September 1943, and subsequent notices.

Canada

WARTIME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDER, 1942

With reference to the notices under the above heading in the *Board of Trade Journal* of 30th January 1943, page 44 and 16th October 1943, page 391, H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded copies of Memoranda W.M.83 (Second Revision), issued by the Department of National Revenue, which contains the Wartime Alcoholic Beverages Order, 1942 (Amended).

In the Amended Order, Section 8, which imposed a quantitative restriction on the importation into Canada of beer, has been revoked.

CUSTOMS TARIFF

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded copies of Memoranda Series D No. 47 T.C. 156 and T.C. 157 which contain the following information :—

By Order in Council P.C. 687 of 3rd February 1934 the following new Tariff Item is established, effective 1st January 1944 :—

1*a*. Horses, cattle, sheep, goats, asses, swine, dogs, pure bred and the male semen thereof, for the improvement of stock, under regulations prescribed by the Governors in Council.

British Preferential Intermediate and General Tariff—Free.

By Order in Council 2160 of 27th February 1944 the following new Tariff Item is established for the period 1st March 1944 to 28th February 1945 :—

409*q*. Electric generators and complete parts thereof for generating electric power for lighting grain elevators,

British Preferential Tariff—Free.

Intermediate and General Tariff—10 per cent. ad val.

MAXIMUM PRICE REGULATIONS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 1st April, page 128, and previous notices, H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa reports that sheets, pillow-cases, diapers, towels and wash cloths, made wholly or in chief value of cotton (tariff items ex 532, ex 548, *et al.*) have been added to the list of goods eligible for import subsidy only when prior to importation, an arrangement has been entered into with the Commodity Prices Stabilisation Corporation Ltd.

PROHIBITED IMPORTS

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded copies of Memoranda W.M. No. 101 and W.M. No. 67 Supplement No. 1 which state that by Orders in Council P.C. 1863 of 13th March 1944 and P.C. 1824 of 16th March 1944 respectively the importation into Canada of the following goods is prohibited except under and in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by or on behalf of the Minister of National Revenue :—

Rovings, yarns and warps wholly or in part of artificial silk or similar synthetic fibres produced by chemical processes, not including threads, cords or twists packaged for retail sale (Tariff items ex 558b, ex 558d, 558f and 558g).

Stearic acid (Tariff items 215 and 215a).

Palestine

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: CORRECTION

With reference to the notice in *Board of Trade Journal* of 15th April (pages 144–146), the words "sodium hyposulphite" should be substituted for the words "sodium hydrosulphite" where they occur in the list of commodities the importation of which is on Government account.

Trinidad

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 11th October 1941 (pages 227–9) and subsequent amending notices the Trinidad Royal Gazette of 2nd December 1943 and 22nd January 1944 contains copies of notices, which provide, in effect, for the amendment of the list of goods, the importation of which into Trinidad is prohibited from all sources, by substituting the following for items 450, 451, 455 and 398 :—

Item 450. Men's and boys' suits, coats, vests (waistcoats), trousers—

Suits, exceeding $15.00 c.i.f. Other garments exceeding $9.00 per piece. Children's rompers exceeding $2.00 each, c.i.f.

Item 451. Women's and girls'—

Costumes and dresses exceeding $8.00 c.i.f.

Coats, skirts, blouses, mantles, cloaks exceeding $5.00 c.i.f.

Children's rompers exceeding $2.00 c.i.f. each.

Children's garments exceeding $2.40 c.i.f. per piece.

Item 555. Other manufactures of paper: Albums (photographs, stamp, autographs, etc.); fancy stationery; compliment slips; menu cards printed or blank; novelties; paper handkerchiefs, plates, saucers, table cloths; programmes; visiting cards; Christmas crackers; calendars; advertising matter except for cinema; trade catalogues and price lists and similar publications (except in cases where a statutory declaration is lodged with the Control Board that no funds will leave the Colony directly or indirectly in connection with such material and an import licence is obtained before the goods arrive in the Colony).

Item 398. Cotton piece goods: Madras muslins, curtain muslins.

Union of South Africa

EXTENSION OF REGULATIONS REGARDING THE IMPORTATION OF HAY AND STRAW PACKING AND FODDER TO COVER WOODWOOL, FLAX COMBINGS, ETC.

With reference to the notice concerning the above regulations published on page 489 of *Board of Trade Journal* of 30th March 1939, the Office of the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa has informed the Board of Trade that the regulations published under Government Notice 284 of 3rd March 1939, have now been extended to cover woodwool, flax combings, palm packing fibre and brown cocoanut fibre.

CLOTHING—STYLE RESTRICTIONS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of Government Notice No. 1 of 7th January 1944, published in the Union Government Gazette Extraordinary of the same date, which contains, inter alia, revised regulations concerning the restrictions on the making of civilian clothing in the Union.

A list of the clothing concerned is given below but detailed particulars of the restrictions may be seen by those interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, Grosvenor Road, London, S.W.1.

I. Men's, youths' and boys' civilian clothing of the following description :—

(*a*) Overcoats (excluding raincoats and waterproofs—*but see paragraph III below*), (*b*) lounge jackets and dinner jackets, (*c*) sports jackets, (*d*) blazers, (*e*) waistcoats, (*f*) trousers and shorts, (*g*) shirts (except Safari shirts made of drill), (*h*) collars (whether sold with shirts or sold separately), (*i*) pyjamas, (*j*) underwear (vests and pants), (*k*) dress suits (tailcoat).

II. Women's, maids' and girls' civilian clothing :—

(*a*) Overcoats, (*b*) jackets (including blazers, unlined or saddle lined), (*c*) waistcoats, (*d*) skirts, (*e*) slacks, (*f*) shorts, (*g*) dresses, (*h*) blouses, (*i*) jumper suits, cardigan suits and cardigan-jumper suits made from woven cloth or knitted fabric, (*j*) all articles of night wear and underwear, other than corsets and brassieres.

III. Men's and youths', women's and maids' and children's civilian clothing of the following description :—

(*a*) Men's and youths' raincoats made from cotton, Union or all-wool cloths proofed by any process other than rubber or oil-proofing. (*b*) Women's and maids' raincoats made from cotton, Union or all wool cloths proofed by any process other than rubber or oil proofing. (*c*) Children's raincoats made from cotton, Union or all-wool cloths proofed by any process other than rubber or oil proofing (24 inches to 42 inches in length). (*d*) Children's rubber-proofed fabric capes (with or without hoods). (*e*) Children's rubber-proofed fabric coats. (*f*) Children's rubber-proofed fabric hoods and Sou-wester hats. (*g*) Women's and maids' rubber-proofed fabric coats. (*h*) Men's and youths' rubber-proofed fabric coats. (*i*) Women's and maids' rubber-proofed fabric capes. (*j*) Women's and maids' rubber-proofed fabric hoods.

EXTENSION OF RESTRICTIONS TO COVER IMPORTED GOODS

The attention of exporters is particularly drawn to the following paragraph (No. 8 of a General Notice No. 1 of 1944) published in the same Gazette) in virtue of which the above-mentioned style restrictions have been extended to cover imported goods :—

Restrictions on Style of Goods. All imported articles of clothing must conform to the restrictions on the making of clothing, as laid down by regulation 14 of Government Notice No. 1 of 1944. Exceptions may, however, be made in the case of raincoats where evidence can be produced that the goods are ready for shipment or will be supplied from stock.

United States of America

CONTROL OF IMPORTS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 12th March 1944, page 58 and previous notices, the Board of Trade have received a copy of General Imports Order M-63 as extensively revised at 30th March 1944.

A copy of the revised Order can be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1.

Trade and Industry

Argentina

FINE GRAIN AND LINSEED, 1943–44 CROPS—THIRD ESTIMATE

The Ministry of Agriculture has issued its third estimate of the production of fine cereals and linseed for the 1943–44 season, foreshadowing a total yield of 11,845,000 metric tons compared with a second estimate of 13,876,900 tons and a first estimate of 14,717,000 tons. The expected yields of the various crops, with the first estimates, given in parenthesis, are now as follows: wheat, 7,100,000 tons (8,500,000); linseed, 1,695,000 tons (1,800,000); rye, 990,000 tons (1,400,000); oats, 1,200,000 tons (2,100,000); barley, 820,000 tons (880,000); birdseed, 40,000 tons (37,000). The reduction as compared with the first estimates is attributed to damage by pests and to a lesser extent to excessive rains. Although prospects are no longer as encouraging as they were a month or so back, there are indications that this year's total production will be well above that of recent years.

FUEL IMPORTS

Imports of coal and coke into Argentina are estimated to have fallen from 3,004,566 tons in 1939 to 2,073,500 tons in 1940, to 1,063,525 tons in 1941 and to 560,110 tons in 1942 but rose again slightly to 597,683 tons in 1943. The United Kingdom's share declined from 2,083,793 tons in 1939 to 1,572,805 tons in 1940, to 672,114 tons in 1941, to 240,068 tons in 1942 and to 212,885 tons in 1943. The Union of South Africa, which before the war did not export coal to Argentina, in 1943 held second place in the list of supplying countries with 170,996 tons. Supplying countries in 1943 in order of importance were the United Kingdom, the Union of South Africa, the United States, Chile, Brazil, Peru and Mexico. By comparison, supplying countries in 1937 in order of importance were the United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, Holland, Belgium, the United States, Chile and Turkey.

It is also stated that fuel imports in general (i.e. coal, coke, oil-fuels, etc.) including lubricants, declined from 5,030,675 tons in 1939 to only 1,067,880 tons in 1943.

British India

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates given:—

Madras, 25th March. Sowing of paddy and irrigated dry crops is proceeding. Crops are fair.

Bihar, 3rd April. Crops are fair. The harvesting of rabi is proceeding.

Orissa, 3rd April. The harvesting of Dalua paddy, wheat and Saradh paddy is progressing. Rabi and sugarcane are thriving.

Punjab, 3rd April. Crops are average to good in irrigated areas and average in unirrigated areas, with some damage to crops in the Hissar, Lyallpor and Gurgaon districts.

Central Provinces, 31st March. The harvesting of wheat and rabi is progressing.

Bengal, 5th April. Field operations are progressing. Crops are satisfactory and the sowing of Aus paddy and jute is progressing.

Peru

COTTON EXPORTS

Exports of cotton from Peru during the period August to December 1943 (the first five months of the 1943–44 season) amounted to 81,676 bales of 478 lbs. net, compared with 71,815 bales in the like period of 1942-43, the principal destinations having been as follows: Great Britain, 40,640 bales against 15,225 bales in August-December 1942; Chile, 28,574 bales (26,126); Bolivia, 3,852 bales (3,418); Cuba, 2,535 bales (nil); Argentina, 2,050 bales (2,250); Ecuador, 1,887 bales (2,248); Colombia, 858 bales (19,137); the United States, 425 bales (nil); Mexico, 400 bales (2,198); Sweden, 240 bales (1,151); Brazil, 137 bales (nil) and Panama, 78 bales (61).

United States of America

FOREIGN TRADE IN 1943

Total foreign trade of the United States amounted to 16,081,711,000 dollars in 1943, of which exports accounted for 12,716,912,000 dollars and imports for 3,364,809,000 dollars. The large export totals were the result of lend-lease shipments, which have increased from 741 million dollars in 1941 to approximately 10,000 million dollars. Completely eclipsed by the magnitude of lend-lease shipments and considerably below the figures for the more recent years 1937 through 1942, the value of United States exports other than lend-lease is now about the same as in the period 1934 through 1936. The following table shows the values of United States exports, lend-lease shipments and imports for the years 1941, 1942 and 1943:—

Year	Exports, including Re-exports	Lend-lease Exports	Per cent. of total Exports	General Imports
	Thou.	dols.		Thou. dols.
1941...	5,147,141	741,000	1·44	3,345,084
1942...	8,035,416	4,895,000	60·90	2,742,014
1943...	12,716,902	10,000,000*	78·60*	3,364,809

* Estimated.

Exports.—For 1943 the value of United States exports, including re-exports was 12,716,902,000 dollars, the highest figure ever recorded and 58 per cent. greater than the 1942 total. In comparison with the 1929 total of 5,240,995,000 dollars, this was an increase of 143 per cent. and it was 54 per cent. over the previous peak figure of 8,228,016,000 dollars in 1920. Lend-lease shipments, estimated at 10,000 million dollars for 1943, accounted for 78·6 per cent. of the total value.

Imports.—General imports into the United States in 1943 were valued at 3,364,809,000 dollars, the highest for any year since 1929, as compared with 2,742,014,000 dollars in the previous year. This was a gain of 23 per cent. and was 11 per cent. greater than the value of 3,031,213,000 dollars for 1918, for which the heaviest yearly imports of World War I were recorded. However, the value for 1943 was 36 per cent. under the 1920 figure of 5,278,481,000 dollars, the highest yearly value recorded in the immediate period following the First World War.

Trade Balance.—The favourable balance of trade for 1943 amounted to 9,352,093,000 dollars as against the previous record of 5,293,402,000 dollars in 1942, an increase of 77 per cent.

Statutory Notice

Patents and Designs Acts 1907 to 1942

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24 OF THE ACTS

Licences of Right

The following patents were indorsed "Licences of Right" on 14th April 1944:—

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject matter.
508128	Heller, M.	Artificial skiing track.
531296	Svenska Entreprenad Aktiebolaget.	Plants for storing oils and other liquids in underground cavities.
533300	Aktiebolaget Separator & ors.	Recovering oil and meatmeal from whole.
539776	Scharer, K. J. ...	Thread winding machines having a plurality of winding spindles arranged on a common rotable carrier.
548228	Dowling, J. J. & anr....	Apparatus for indicating electric currents.

The Patent Office. W. F. LINDLEY, *Comptroller-General.*

Publications Received

Refuge Assurance Co. Ltd.: Eightieth Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 1943.

East Africa: Vital Statistics of European Officials—Returns for 1940. Published by The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, London, S.W.1, price 6d. net.

War-Time Trading Bulletin—The British Bulletin of Commerce. Published by the Wartime Trading Information Bureau, 17 Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2.

Edition No. 100 now under review comprises an 80-page official survey of the constitution and activities of the British Council, a 34-page functional survey of the Engineering Industries Association, a 40-page account of the work of the B.B.C., and

of the war and post-war developments of Britain's radio manufacturing and retailing industries; a 10-page business barometer, presenting in reference form charts and figures covering retail and wholesale sales, unemployment and wages figures and general economic trends; and a number of special factual trends covering banking, television, patent specification, electricity, gas, catering and industrial welfare. This issue is also the Annual Review number and contains, in addition to special features, valuable data and information covering the past year's industrial and trade developments. The biggest feature, however, is the British Council Survey, prepared with the help of the Council. The survey gives a detailed picture of the steadily expanding activities of the Council—in Europe, the Americas and elsewhere, as well as at home—and goes on to point out how these activities are promoting goodwill for Britain and hence paving the way for British overseas trade after the war.

In addition to concise summaries of Government trade regulations, the Bulletin also publishes exclusive reports on production and distribution developments in engineering, building, exporting, catering, electricity, radio, food, agriculture, plastics, shipping, transport, and a large number of other major industries. Furthermore, increasing space has been given to the issue of regular surveys of important Government departments and industrial associations, prepared in conjunction with the bodies concerned. Subjects for these surveys in the past have included the Ministry of Supply, Ministry of Production, Ministry of Works, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Labour, the British Broadcasting Corporation, British Standards' Institution, the Building Industries' Distributors, etc.

With this special issue the Bulletin publishers announce the decision to rename the publication the "British Bulletin of Commerce." Future main issues are to include special detailed surveys of the Ministry of Food, the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation, the War Damage Commission, the N.A.A.F.I., and, for the second time, a revised survey of the Ministry of Works.

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Bulletin of the Imperial Institute, Vol. XLI, No. 4 (October–December 1943). (Index Title-Page and List of Contents to Vol. XLI are issued with this number). Published by the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London, S.W. 7.

A record of progress relating to agricultural, mineral and other industries, with special reference to the utilisation of the raw materials of the Dominions, London and the Colonies.

Samuel Montagu & Co.: Annual Bullion Review, 1943.

Statistical Summary of the Bank of England, February 1944.

Journal of the Royal African Society, Vol. 43, No. 171, April 1944. Published by Macmillan & Co. Ltd., London and The Macmillan Co., New York, price 4s. net.

Economic and Statistical Bulletin of Southern Rhodesia, Vol. XI, No. 22, 21st February 1944. Issued by the Department of Statistics, Salisbury.

Food Trade Review, Vol. XIV, No. 4, April 1944. Published by Attwood & Co. Ltd., 3 Westgate Road, Beckenham, Kent. (By subscription 10s. per year.)

Fortnightly Review of Business and Economic Conditions in South and Central America, Portugal, etc., Vol. 9, No. 196, 1st April 1944. Published by the Bank of London and South America Ltd., 6, 7 and 8 Tokenhouse Yard, London, E.C.2.

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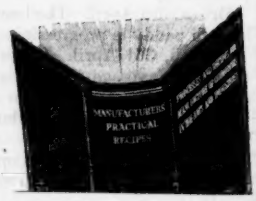

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